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Classified By: Jerry A. Taylor, United States Representative to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission. Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

- (U) This is JCIC-XXXIV-016. ¶1.
- 12. (U) At paragraph 3 below is the text of the U.S. Statement that was delivered at the Closing Plenary Meeting of the Thirty-fourth Session of the START Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission (JCIC), held at the U.S. Mission on June 11, 2009.
- 13. (S) Begin text:

STATEMENT

BY THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT COMPLIANCE AND INSPECTION COMMISSION AT THE CLOSING PLENARY MEETING OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

June 11, 2009

The U.S. Delegation is pleased to join with the Representatives of each of our START Treaty partners in closing the Thirty-Fourth session of the START Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission (JCIC).

The progress we continue to make toward resolving issues on the Commission's agenda is indicative of our Governments commitment and ability to work together constructively here in Geneva and during the intersessional period. The United States appreciates the work of our colleagues in this regard.

During this session we removed the issue of Peacekeeper silo launcher conversion from the JCIC agenda, and reached consensus regarding the process for closing inspection points of entry. We also made progress in addressing concerns regarding activities at the Courtland Missile Assembly Facility, and the conversion of the B-1 Heavy Bomber to a heavy bomber equipped for non-nuclear armaments. The United States requests that our Treaty partners consider the U.S. information and proposals provided during this session to remove these items from our agenda.

III

With regard to Minuteman III reentry vehicle on-site inspection, the United States looks forward to resolving this issue through the conduct of a one-time demonstration of the Minuteman III front section, and will confirm arrangements through diplomatic channels.

IV

The United States appreciates the information provided by the other delegations regarding compliance issues raised by the United States. These issues include use by the Russian Federation of a very large reentry vehicle cover during SS-27 reentry vehicle inspections that prohibits U.S. inspectors from ascertaining that the SS-27 front section contains no more than the one warhead attributed to the SS-27. It also includes obtaining from the Russian

Federation updated and accurate MOU photographs for SS-27 launch canisters, and removing from accountability the 109 SS-25 ICBMs that have not been completely eliminated. The United States regrets, however, that more substantive progress on these issues was not made, and asks the Russian Federation to advance these issues from its capital and through diplomatic channels.

V

Some other issues raised during this session directly impact our work, but also involve consideration beyond the scope of the Commission. This includes work associated with the procedures for closing the Votkinsk Portal Monitoring Facility, and considerations tabled by Ukraine regarding future initiatives. The United States will review the information presented during this session in order to further discuss these issues as appropriate.

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As always, the United States encourages continued communications through diplomatic channels to help resolve the issues that remain on our agenda.

Thank you for your work here in Geneva.

And once again, I'd like to thank our translators and interpreters for their exceptional work. Without them, our work together would simply not be possible.

Have a safe journey home.

End text.

14. (U) Taylor sends. STORELLA